

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A hang-up hair dryer assembly comprising:
 - a hand-held hair dryer;
 - a housing adapted for mounting to a supporting surface, the housing providing a location for storing the hand-held hair dryer when the hand-held hair dryer is not in operation;
 - an electrical cord extending from the hand-held hair dryer, the electrical cord electrically connecting the hand-held hair dryer to a power supply;
 - a cord hanger connected to the housing, the cord hanger supporting a portion of the cord when the hand-held hair dryer is not in operation.
2. An assembly in accordance with claim 1 wherein the portion of the cord is generally spaced from the housing and from the hand-held hair dryer when the hand-held hair dryer is in operation.
3. An assembly in accordance with claim 1 wherein the portion of the cord is generally unsupported when the hand-held hair dryer is in operation.
4. An assembly in accordance with claim 1 wherein the cord extends between the hand-held hair dryer and the housing.
5. An assembly in accordance with claim 1 wherein the cord extends directly between the hand-held hair dryer and a power supply.
6. An assembly in accordance with claim 5 wherein the cord includes a first portion connected to the housing, a second portion connected to the hand-held hair dryer, and a third portion extending between the first portion and the second portion, and wherein the cord hanger supports a portion of the third portion of the cord when the hand-held hair dryer is not in operation.
7. An assembly in accordance with claim 5 wherein the hand-held hair dryer includes a handle portion and a barrel portion, wherein the supporting surface is a substantially vertical wall, and wherein the housing includes a top portion providing a location for storing the

handle portion and a bottom portion providing a location for storing the barrel portion, and wherein the cord hanger is connected to the top portion of the housing.

8. A hand-held hair dryer and holder assembly comprising:
a hand-held hair dryer;
a holder adapted for mounting to a supporting surface, the holder providing a location for storing the hand-held hair dryer when the hand-held hair dryer is not in operation;
an electrical cord extending between the holder and the hand-held hair dryer, the cord having a first portion connected to the holder, a second portion connected to the hand-held hair dryer, and a third portion extending between the first portion and the second portion; and
a cord hanging member connected to the holder, the cord hanging member adapted to support a portion of the third portion of the cord when the hand-held hair dryer is not in operation.
9. An assembly in accordance with claim 8 wherein the cord hanging member is removably connected to the holder.
10. An assembly in accordance with claim 9 wherein the cord hanging member may be removably connected to at least two separate locations on the holder.
11. An assembly in accordance with claim 8 wherein the cord hanging member is integrally connected to the holder.
12. An assembly in accordance with claim 8 wherein the holder includes at least one through bore sized to receive a fastener adapted to be fixed to the supporting surface.
13. An assembly in accordance with claim 8 wherein the holder is of one-piece construction and is molded of plastic.
14. An assembly in accordance with claim 8 wherein the third portion of cord includes coil cord.
15. An assembly in accordance with claim 8 and further comprising a second cord hanging member connected to the holder, the second cord hanging member adapted to support a portion of the third portion of the cord when the hand-held hair dryer is not in operation.

16. An assembly in accordance with claim 8 wherein the cord hanging member includes a base portion extending outwardly from the holder and a knob portion connected to the base portion, the knob portion adapted to support a portion of the third portion of the cord when the hand-held dryer is not in operation, wherein the portion of the third portion of the cord defines a diameter, and wherein the knob portion is spaced from the holder by a distance greater than the diameter.

17. An assembly in accordance with claim 8 wherein the cord hanging member includes a base portion extending outwardly from the holder and a knob portion connected to the base portion, the base portion adapted to support a portion of the third portion of the cord when the hand-held dryer is not in operation.

18. A method of storing a hand-held hair dryer when the hand-held hair dryer is not in use, the method comprising:

- providing a hand-held hair dryer;
- providing a housing sized to releasably receive at least a portion of the hand-held hair dryer to provide a location for storing the hand-held hair dryer when the hand-held hair dryer is not in operation;
- connecting a cord hanger to the housing;
- mounting the housing to a supporting surface;
- electrically connected the hand-held hair dryer to a power supply using an electrical cord extending from the hand-held hair dryer;
- releasably securing the hand-held hair dryer in the housing; and
- releasably supporting a portion of the electrical cord on the cord hanger when the hand-held dryer is not in operation to limit an amount of unsupported cord hanging from the hand-held hair dryer.

19. A method of storing a hand-held hair dryer in accordance with claim 18 wherein the housing at least partially defines a first cord aperture, wherein the cord includes a first portion extending through the first cord aperture, a second portion mechanically and electrically connected to the hand-held hair dryer, and a third portion extending between the first portion and the second portion, and wherein releasably supporting a portion of the electrical cord on the cord hanger includes releasably supporting a portion of the third portion of the electrical cord on the cord hanger.

20. A method of storing a hand-held hair dryer in accordance with claim 19 wherein the housing at least partially defines a second cord aperture, wherein the cord includes a fourth portion extending through the second cord aperture, and wherein electrically connected the hand-held hair dryer to a power supply includes positioning a portion of the cord in a void between the housing and the supporting surface.